

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 499, after line 22, add the following:

1 **SEC. 163__ . DOT REVIEW OF EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS AT**
2 **STATE DOTS.**

3 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
5 begin a review of the equity best practices, standards and
6 protocols used in State DOTs in the United States that
7 examines the efficacy of existing standards and protocols
8 in ensuring State DOTs are funding projects that consider
9 how low income, minority, women, and other diverse popu-
10 lations have diverse transportation needs.

11 (b) EVALUATION.—After conducting the review
12 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, in consultation
13 with representatives of the public transportation industry,
14 evaluate the need to establish additional Federal equity
15 standards.

16 (c) REPORT.—After completing the review and eval-
17 uation required under subsections (a) and (b), and not
18 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 the Secretary shall make available on a publicly accessible
2 Website, a report that includes—

3 (1) findings based on the review conducted
4 under subsection (a);

5 (2) the outcome of the evaluation conducted
6 under subsection (b);

7 (3) a comprehensive set of recommendations to
8 improve equity considerations in the public transpor-
9 tation industry, including recommendations for stat-
10 utory changes if applicable; and

11 (4) actions that the Secretary will take to ad-
12 dress the recommendations provided under para-
13 graph (3).

Page 872, after line 24, add the following:

14 **SEC. 511__ TRANSPORTATION EQUITY RESEARCH PRO-**
15 **GRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, not less than
17 \$2,000,000 of research funds at the Department of Trans-
18 portation shall be made available by the Secretary of
19 Transportation for research and demonstration activities
20 that focus on the impacts that transportation planning,
21 investment, and operations have on low-income, minority,
22 and female populations that are transit dependent. Such
23 activities shall include research on transportation equity
24 issues and the development of strategies to advance eco-

1 nomic and community development in low-income and mi-
2 nority communities and the development of training pro-
3 grams that promote the employment of low income, minor-
4 ity and female community residents on Federal-aid trans-
5 portation projects constructed in their communities.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year.

Page 934, after line 19, add the following:

9 **SEC. 550__ GAO REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT PRO-**
10 **GRAMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
13 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
14 Appropriations and Committee on Transportation and In-
15 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
16 mittees on Environment and Public Works; Appropria-
17 tions; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Com-
18 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a review
19 of the extent to which the Secretary is considering the
20 needs of and awarding funding through covered discre-
21 tionary grant programs to projects that serve—

22 (1) (A) low-income communities;

23 (2) minority communities; and

1 (3) populations that are underserved or have
2 limited transportation choices, including women.

3 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Comptroller General
4 shall include as part of the review under subsection (a)
5 recommendations to the Secretary on possible means to
6 improve consideration of projects that serve the unique
7 needs of communities described in subsection (a)(1).

8 (c) DEFINITION OF COVERED DISCRETIONARY
9 GRANT PROGRAM.—For purposes of this section, the term
10 “covered discretionary grant programs” means the
11 Projects of National and Regional Significance program
12 under section 117 of title 23, the Community Transpor-
13 tation Investment Grant program under section 173 of
14 such title, the Community Climate Innovation Grant pro-
15 gram under section 172 of such title, and the grants for
16 fueling and charging infrastructure under section 151 of
17 such title.

